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Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

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Dear Small Business Leader:

As you may know, the legislature passed and I signed into law a measure aimed at making Rhode Island more business friendly (2012 Public Law 445). This law requires that each regulatory agency evaluate the small business impact of all of their regulations and offer recommendations to revise, repeal or maintain those regulations based on that review. Understanding the importance of this effort, I accelerated the review process from four years to just over a year.

The Office of Regulatory Reform (ORR) is coordinating this effort by providing assistance to agencies and reporting out on their efforts. Staying connected to the small business community is critical to ORR's work. No one knows better the impact of regulations on small business than small business owners' themselves.

Last year, I asked small business leaders for their input on regulatory impacts. Seven hundred and nine (709) members of your community took the time to provide thoughtful and insightful commentary. Their contributions have both strengthened and informed this review process. You can find a report on last year's survey from the internet link provided below.

Our efforts here are ongoing. To that end, we ask again for help. One year later, ORR has developed a follow-up survey to gauge again your thoughts on Rhode Island regulations. I ask that you complete this short survey within the next two weeks to further strengthen the work of the team at ORR.

Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y6W3VFT> to complete your survey by **Saturday, February 15, 2014**. We are continually working to create a clear, predictable, and reliable regulatory system, and you and the staff at your business are key partners in that effort. Your participation is greatly valued and appreciated.

Thank you for your support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Thank you!

Link to the 2013 Survey: <http://www.omb.ri.gov/documents/reform/regulatory-review/SmallBusinessSurvey.pdf>